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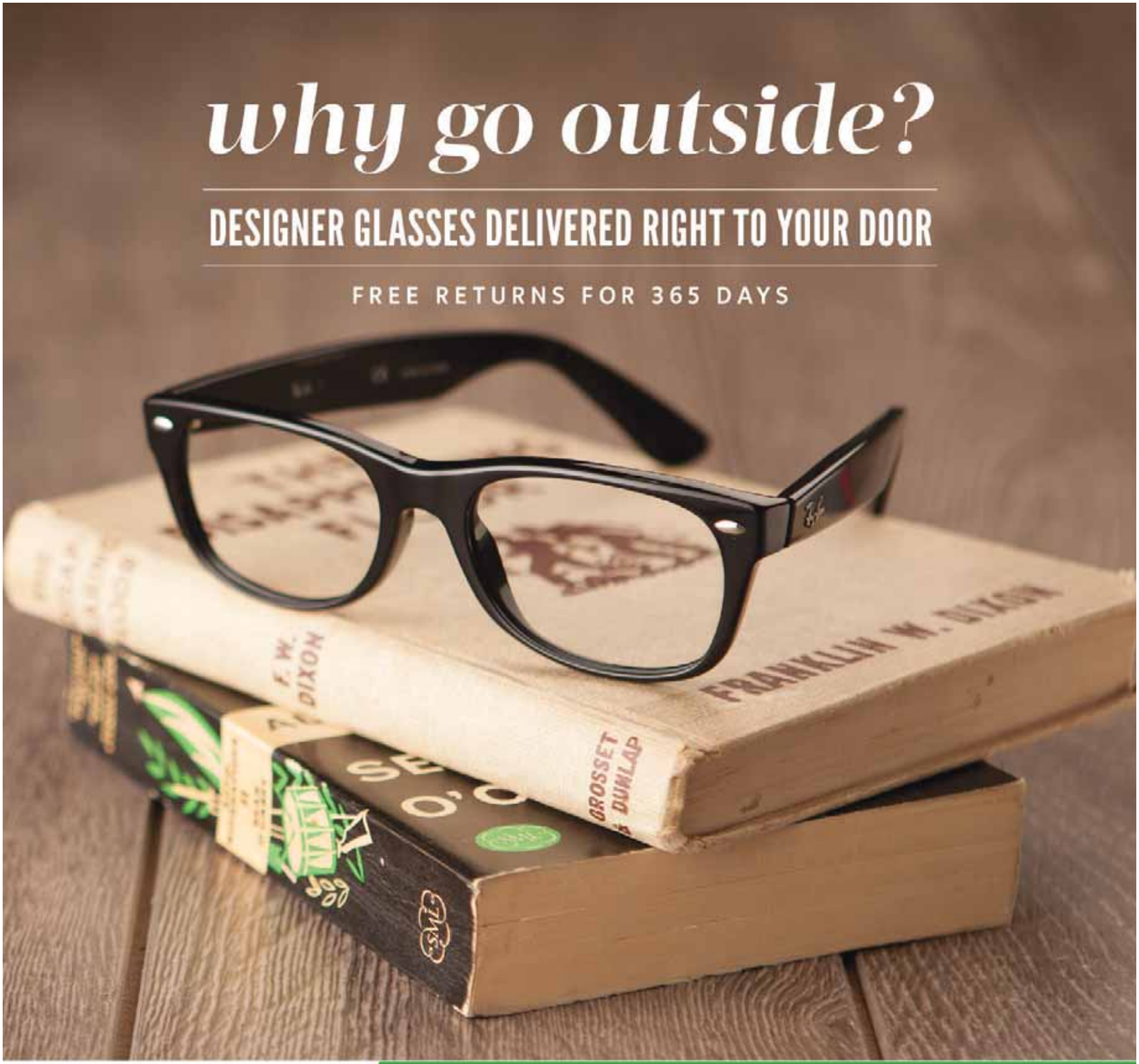

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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson dumps Gatorade on head coach Pete Carroll to celebrate the 'Hawks 43-8 annihilation of the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII in East Rutherford, N.J., on Sunday. More coverage, pages 25, 13.

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Federal tweets strangled by red tape

Industry Canada. 140 characters takes weeks of planning and dozens of staff edits

Pity the poor government tweet, nearly smothered in its cradle before limping into the Twitterverse.

Newly disclosed documents from Industry Canada show how teams of bureaucrats often work for weeks to sanitize each lowly tweet, in a medium that's supposed to thrive on spontaneity and informality.

Most 140-character tweets issued by the department are planned weeks in advance; edited by dozens of public servants; revised by the minister's staff; and sanitized through a 12-step protocol, the documents indicate.

The documents, obtained through the Access to Information Act, show arrangements are also made days in advance to have other government agencies re-tweet Industry Canada tweets.

Zero leniency

"I've never seen anything like this in the private or public sector. ... They've really delineated the limits of the box. There's no entry for dialogue."

Mark Blevis, social-media expert and president of FullDuplex.ca

Formal policy for the department was set last October, with a 12-step process that requires numerous approvals for each tweet from Industry Minister James Moore's office or from the office of Greg Rickford, the junior minister.

Public servants vet draft tweets for hashtags, syntax, policy compliance, retweeting, French translation and other factors. Policy generally precludes tweeting on weekends, and the minister's personal Twitter handle must be kept out of departmental tweets, though his name and title are often included.

The resulting tweets read like stiff public-service announcements, such as: "Browse the Mobile Protection Toolbox to learn facts & find #tips to protect yourself. #GetCyberSafe," with a link to the department's website.

An insider at Industry Canada said the "super-rigid process" is frustrating, and simply doesn't work for Twitter.

"You're imposing structure on a form of communication that inherently rejects structure," he said in an interview, on condition of anonymity to protect his job.

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‘The surgery isn’t possible without you’

Fundraising email. Turns out the cancer surgery is ‘possible,’ it just won’t be high-tech robotic surgery

A new fundraising campaign has left some wondering whether the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation has gone a little too far in hitting up prospective donors for cash.

As part of a crowd-funding effort, an email has been sent to hospital donors and supporters saying that $15,000 must be raised by Feb. 4 so that six cancer patients can have surgery.

“Six people need this surgery. ... The surgery isn’t possible without you. Please donate today,” says the email signed by Laura Syron, the foundation’s vice-president of community programs.

The problem is cancer surgery is publicly covered under medicare, so the ad is a bit of a head-scratcher.

Dr. Bob Bell, president of the University Health Network, which includes Princess Margaret, acknowledges the six patients in question will still get surgery even if the money is not raised.

They just won’t get high-tech robotic surgery that the hospital is testing out as part of a study, he explained. Instead, they would get standard surgery, for example, open or laparoscopic surgery.

“I can understand what you’re saying,” he said, when asked if the ad leaves the wrong impression.

Dr. Monika Dutt, chair of Canadian Doctors for Medicare, said the ad is misleading.

“Looking at this ad it does give the impression that for required, everyday surgery, they need to fundraise. ... It should be made clearer in this ad so that people don’t get the impression that if I have an endometrial cancer I might not be able to access the surgery I need.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Seahawks who? We got the Stanley Cup

Mississauga’s Meadowvale Hawks received an unforgettable surprise Sunday when the iconic Stanley Cup was brought into the team dressing room just before their practice began. Following practice, the team was treated to a special photo session and after-party which gave them a chance to get up close to the Cup. The Hawks are part of the Mississauga Hockey League, which is supported by Scotiabank. CONTRIBUTED

Mixed-use projects double in past 5 years

Artist rendering of The Well.
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Toronto’s mixed-use development boom: Coming soon to a neighbourhood near you.

That’s the message from urban planners and developers who want to transform the city into a place where residents can work, shop, eat and play — all within walking distance of their homes.

An ambitious proposal for a new neighbourhood called The Well, south of King and west of Spadina, is the latest in the mixed-use revolution. The development by RioCan, Allied and Diamond Corp. would create a cluster of residential, office and retail buildings spread over three hectares.

The plans come as another mixed-use development sparks outrage among Kensington Market residents: a planned 20,000-square-foot Loblaws on the second floor of a 15-storey condominium building on College Street.

Condos with grocery stores are set to become more common-place. The number of mixed-use projects in the city has more than doubled over the past five years, from 5.4 per cent of all proposals in 2009 to 11.7 per cent in 2013. Downtown, the increase was from 16.7 per cent to 20 per cent, or from one in six projects to one in five. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Former tow truck driver. $1.4M lawsuit against OPP claims harassment

A former tow truck driver says two police officers mounted a "campaign" of harassment that involved taunting him with dildos to get him off the road, according to a claim filed in a $1.4-million lawsuit.

Jagdis Tirbany, 47, sat agitated in downtown provincial offences court Friday morning, fighting a $110 ticket he says is just one of several abuses by OPP officers.

"It's really just part of a campaign of harassment," said his lawyer Davin Charney outside the courtroom shortly after Justice of the Peace Mindy Avrich-Skapinker dismissed the charge against Tirbany.

Jagdis Tirbany TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tirbany is now suing the OPP and two of its officers, Const. Ludgero Café and Const. David Brown.

The statement of claim, filed Jan. 23, alleges the two officers "maliciously sought to undermine" Tirbany's independent towing business which he had operated since 1998. None of the allegations in the claim have been tested in court.

The alleged abuse began in September 2010, when Tirbany encountered Const. Brown at a scene on Highway 401 and upset him when he questioned why he had thrown another man's keys into the grass.

From there, the claim alleges Brown held a "grudge" against Tirbany, who said he had a towing contract with the OPP, and would block him from responding to calls for service.

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Bachelor auditions: Where a man, period, is hard to find

Auditions for The Bachelor Canada television program were held this weekend at Grand Hotel and Suite. Emily Phillips, left, and Olga Kadylak came out to support their friend Carling Liski, right. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

All the single ladies!

Shortage of men, no shortage of hope at tryouts for second season of reality show

Men are invited to audition for The Bachelor Canada, but sightings are rare.

A middle-age bearded guy approaches the sign-in table at the Grand Hotel on Jarvis Street. He is not looking for a "fairy-tale ending." He is looking for the hotel bathroom.

Then there is Rob Morrison, in a light grey pea coat, hands in his pockets, with a slightly bemused "How did I end up in this room" look on his face.

Operation Bachelor Find

"No, we don't have a crack team we parachute into oil tycoon meetings and country clubs to pluck out our bachelor."

Executive producer Sean De Vries

"That's my brother, my biggest fan, who wants me to find love," Jessica Morrison says, nodding at Rob as she signs the forms and releases that come with possible TV stardom.

"He wants to find the bar," his mom Lorrey jokes.

Auditions for the second season of The Bachelor Canada were held for men and women at the Grand Hotel this weekend. The reality show that sees 25 women competing for the affections of one man will air this fall.

Sean De Vries, the executive producer with Good Human Productions, says the process is "something women gravitate to more than men," so the team has to make an effort "to go out and find him."

Producers hope to find women ready for marriage, hopefully from every part of Canada. The show is expected to premiere in the fall.

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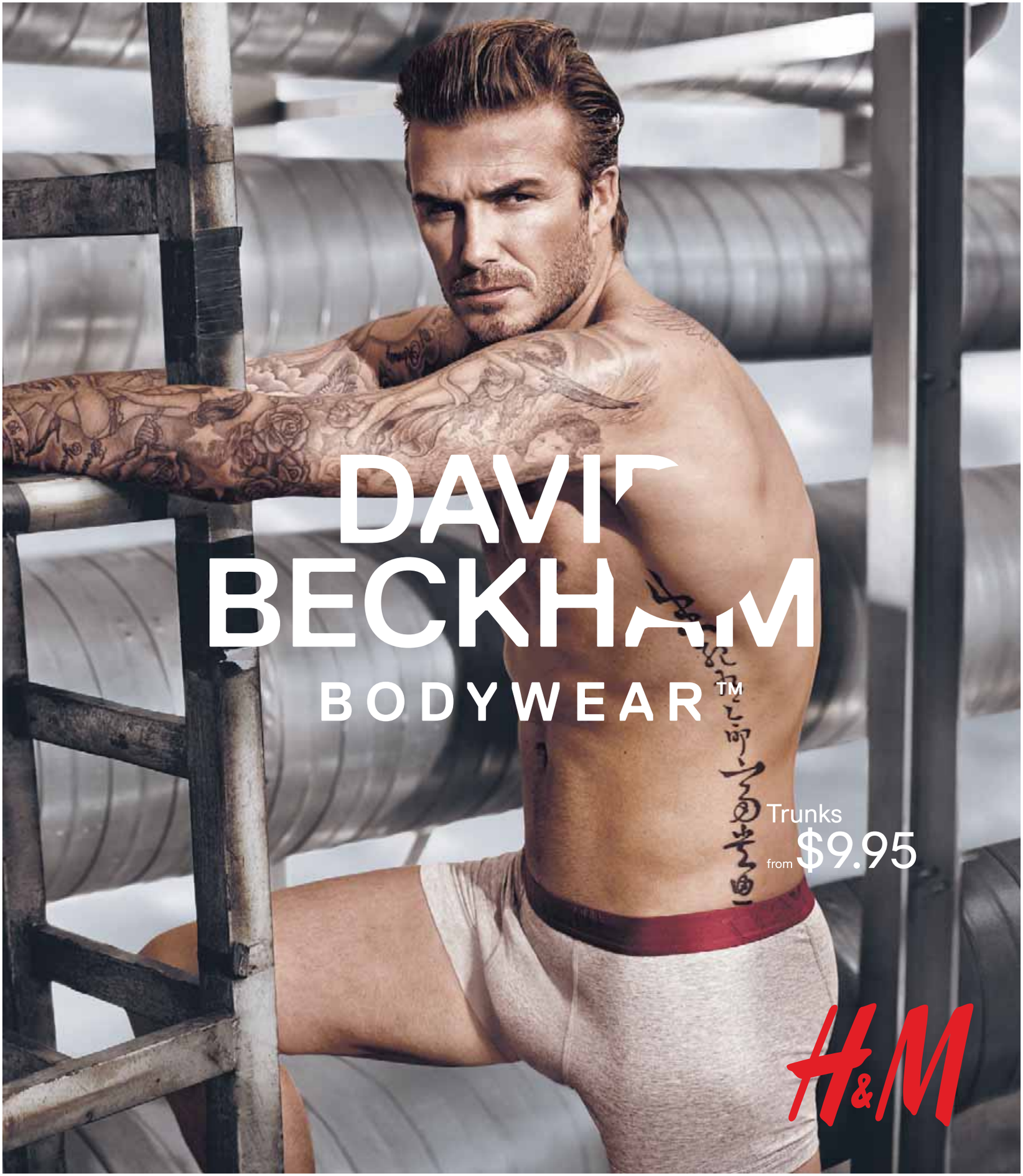
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Wiarton Willie. Groundhog says six more weeks of winter

Don't put away your winter coats and galoshes just yet, because it looks like Old Man Winter is here to stay for at least another six weeks, according to Wiarton Willie.

This morning at 8:07 a.m. the famous groundhog from Wiarton, located along the shores of Georgian Bay on the Bruce Peninsula, emerged from his hole and saw his shadow, indicating there will be another six weeks of winter.

It appears the groundhog's prediction is in line with Environment Canada, which expects January's frigid temperatures to persist through February.

The last time Willie saw his shadow was in 2010. His predictions however, are not very accurate. According to decades of data, the groundhog has been correct only 37 per cent of the time.

Some may take solace from news that Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam, another famous Canadian groundhog, did not see his shadow, indicating it could be an early spring.

As for America's rodent royalty, Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil, the most famous groundhog of all, did see his shadow Sunday.

Temperatures were forecast to dip to -11 C Sunday night before rising again Monday to -4 C, with mainly sunny skies to start the week.

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Wiarton Mayor John Close, right, laughs after listening to groundhog Wiarton Willie's weather prediction in Wiarton on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Linking nations. Canada buying land in Detroit for new cross-bridge

The Canadian government plans to start buying land in Detroit for the U.S. portion of a new bridge linking the nations, a Canadian official said in a report published Sunday, a move that bypasses opponents of the project and comes as the U.S. government hasn't yet allocated money.

The $2 billion-plus project to add a second span across the Detroit River between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, is simply too important to delay, outgoing Canadian Consul General Roy Norton in Detroit told the Detroit Free Press.

Canada is paying most of the project's cost on both sides of the border. It plans to recoup the cost with tolls travelling in both directions. Officials have said they hope to open the New International Trade Crossing in 2020.

Opponents

Ambassador Bridge owner Matty Moroun has been one of the project's fiercest and most determined opponents, proposing the addition of a span to his own bridge.

"We're about to proceed with land purchases some time in the next few months, and we're going to do that whether there's been an indication from the U.S. government on a commitment to the customs plaza or not," Norton said. "That involves a little bit of risk on our part, obviously, but we're so confident that this ultimately will be built that it's prudent to do that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mount Albert. Fire hall gutted by fierce blaze

Fire crews tried but failed to save a volunteer fire hall north of Toronto that burned to the ground.

Police say the fire broke out Sunday morning at an unmanned station in the village of Mount Albert belonging to the East Gwillimbury Fire Department.

There were no injuries but the municipality says there was significant damage including six fire and support vehicles and equipment housed in the station.

Mount Albert is part of a municipality that includes East Gwillimbury.

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A two-alarm fire broke out at a fire station in Mount Albert on Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ukrainian president returning to work

Ongoing unrest. Viktor Yanukovych's office announced end of sick leave opposition leaders found suspicious

The Ukraine's president will return Monday from a short sick leave that had sparked a guessing game that he was taking himself out of action in preparation to step down or for a crackdown on anti-government protests.

Viktor Yanukovych's office made the announcement about the president's return the same day as protesters seeking his resignation held one of their largest gatherings in recent weeks. About 20,000 people assembled at the main protest site in Kyiv's central square on Sunday.

Yanukovych's sick leave was announced Thursday, with his office saying he had an acute respiratory illness. Some opposition leaders were skeptical, however, and thought Yanukovych was disappearing in preparation for imposing a state of emergency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'With the help of the world'

"The crisis will end at last when ... we will hold new elections that will stop the regime of Yanukovych."
Protest leader Vitali Klitschko

An opposition supporter asked his girlfriend to marry him at the protesters' barricades in central Kyiv, Sunday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sibut. Rebels flee key Central African Republic town; looting ensues

Heavily armed rebels fled a key town not far from Central African Republic's capital as French and African peacekeepers deployed on Sunday, witnesses said, though a rebel commander warned they were likely to return.

Civilians immediately began looting the property of Muslim residents of the town, witnesses said.

Members of the mostly Muslim Seleka coalition, accused of committing widespread atrocities since ousting the president of a decade in March last year, had in recent days gathered in the town of Sibut, 180 kilometres north of Bangui.

Some feared the rebels were preparing to overthrow a transitional government appointed last month.

But as heavy rain fell early Sunday, the 200 or so rebels split up and fled, with one convoy of vehicles heading north and another to the east, said Sibut resident Eugene Sangami.

"These elements benefited from the heavy rain to organize their retreat," Sangami said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A refugee holds a mattress on the top of a plane in the airport camp in Bangui, Central African Republic, Sunday. HIPPOLYTE MARBOUA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand elections

Poll closures affected 18 per cent of voters

Thailand held nationwide elections without bloodshed Sunday despite widespread fears of violence. But the country's bitter political crisis is far from over, and one of the next flash points is likely an effort to nullify the vote. Protesters forced thousands of polling booths to close in Bangkok and the south. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Costa Concordia

Diver dies while salvage work goes on

A diver died Saturday while working on the shipwrecked Costa Concordia, apparently after gashing his leg on an underwater metal sheet while preparing the wreck for removal. Italy's civil protection agency, which is overseeing the removal of the Concordia, said the diver hailed from Spain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sochi hotels still under construction

Olympics. Crews race to finish accommodations for non-athletes

Construction workers ignored the blaring alarm in Gorki Plaza on Sunday, tuning out the loud hoot-hoot-hoot and automated voice that urged guests to evacuate.

That was a fire drill, a requirement ahead of building approval, but alarm bells of a more figurative kind are ringing louder and louder for the organizers of the Sochi Olympics.

It's almost impossible to pin down how many hotels will be finished ahead of the Winter Games, which officially open Friday.

Gorki Plaza was always supposed to be a hive of activity, an accommodation and transport hub for thousands of visitors to Olympic venues in the mountains above Sochi. It just wasn't supposed to be a hive of building activity this late. And that has Olympic leaders worried.

IOC President Thomas Bach was given a status update on accommodation by local organizers at an executive board meeting Sunday.

"There is a great confidence and great satisfaction with what we have seen here," Bach said. "Of course, ... always before the games, we have some issues to be addressed. We received information that this will be addressed, but in general for the athletes the stage is set for great performances, both with regards to the villages and with regards to the sports facilities."

But the accommodation situation for non-athletes threatened to become a major embarrassment for organizers when some Olympic-accredited people were turned away in recent days from unfinished hotels, or checked into unfinished rooms.

Organizers estimate that thousands of media will be arriving in Sochi on Monday. About 11,000 overall are expected to be covering Russia's first Winter Games. Spectators are expected to flood in later in the week.

IOC spokesman Mark Adams conceded there were hotels that weren't finished.

"That doesn't mean they're empty shells with no beds or whatever," he said, adding that 41,000 rooms were being provided for the Sochi Games and, of those, 20,000 were brand new.

Local organizers said Saturday that only six of the nine media hotels in the mountain cluster were finished, and gave a timetable Sunday for others to be opened this week.

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Quoted

"All round, I think I can assure you that people will get the rooms they need."

IOC spokesman Mark Adams

Construction work continues apace outside the Gorki Plaza East hotel in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, on Sunday. The IOC is urging Russian Olympic organizers to move quickly to resolve the issue of accommodations that are not ready for accredited media personnel in the mountains outside Sochi. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PM's Middle East tour

Trip positive for a third of Canadians

A third of Canadians said they had positive views of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent trip to the Middle East, a new poll has found.

The survey, conducted by Harris/Decima, found that twenty-six per cent held an unfavourable view, while the majority (42 per cent) said they had no opinion.

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Survey. U.S. abortion rate at lowest level since 1973

The U.S. abortion rate declined to its lowest level since 1973, and the number of abortions fell by 13 per cent between 2008 and 2011, according to the latest national survey of abortion providers conducted by a prominent research institute.

The Guttmacher Institute, which supports legal access to abortion, said in a report being issued Monday that there were about 1.06 million abortions in 2011, down from about 1.2 million in 2008. Guttmacher's figures are of interest on both sides of the abortion debate because they are more up-to-date and in some ways more comprehensive than abortion statistics compiled by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The lead author, Rachel Jones, said there appeared to be no link to a decline in the number of abortion providers.

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Philip Seymour Hoffman in 2006, after winning an Oscar for his work in Capote. Hoffman was found dead Sunday in his New York City apartment. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philip Seymour Hoffman dead at 46

Family 'devastated.'
Prolific character actor discovered in his apartment after an apparent heroin overdose

Philip Seymour Hoffman, who won a best-actor Oscar in 2006 for his portrayal of writer Truman Capote and created a gallery of other vivid characters, was found dead Sunday in his New York City apartment with what officials said was a needle in his arm. He was 46.

Two law enforcement officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the actor apparently died of a drug overdose. Envelopes containing what was believed to be heroin were found with him, they said.

Hoffman made his career mostly as a character actor, and was one of the most prolific in the business, plying his craft with a naturalism that made him one of the most admired performers of his generation.

The stage-trained actor was nominated for Academy Awards four times in all: for Capote, The Master, Doubt and Charlie Wilson's War. He also received three Tony nominations for his work on Broadway.

Tributes poured in from other Hollywood figures.

Tragic loss

"One of the greatest actors of a generation and a sweet, funny & humble man."
Ricky Gervais, in a tweet about Hoffman

Kevin Costner said in an interview, "Philip was a very important actor and really takes his place among the real great actors. It's a shame. Who knows what he would have been able to do? But we're left with the legacy of the work he's done and it all speaks for itself."

"No words for this. He was too great and we're too shattered," said Mike Nichols, who directed Hoffman in Charlie Wilson's War and in Death of a Salesman on Broadway.

Hoffman's family called the news "tragic and sudden." Hoffman is survived by his partner of 15 years, Mimi O'Donnell, and their three children.

"We are devastated by the loss of our beloved Phil and appreciate the outpouring of love and support we have received from everyone," the family said in a statement.

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Woody Allen: Farrow's claims are 'untrue and disgraceful'

A representative for Woody Allen says the director calls Dylan Farrow's allegations of child molestation "untrue and disgraceful."

Publicist Leslee Dart said in an email Sunday that Allen has read Farrow's open letter, published online by The New York Times, claiming she was sexually assaulted as a seven-year-old by her then adoptive father. Dart also said Allen will be responding soon.

Farrow claimed that in 1992 at the family's Connecticut home, Allen led her to a "dim, closet-like attic" and "then he sexually assaulted me." Farrow didn't specify Allen's actions, but described other abusive behaviour.

Connecticut prosecutors investigated the allegations in 1993 but did not charge Allen. The 78-year-old director has long maintained his innocence.

In the open letter, Farrow recalled several events from her childhood. In a letter to op-ed columnist Nicholas Kristof, she said she was moved to speak out because of Hollywood's continued embrace of Allen.

"That he got away with what he did to me haunted me as I grew up," Farrow wrote. "I was stricken with guilt that I had allowed him to be near other little girls."

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Budget. NDP renew push to cap ATM fees at 50 cents

The NDP is stepping up its battle against bank machine fees, urging the government to make good on its pledge to do something about the charges that vex some Canadian consumers.

A motion calling for the cap will be debated in the House of Commons on Monday. It urges the Conservative government to take action on ATM fees in its upcoming federal budget.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says the ATM fees are "sky-high."

"We in Canada right now are noticing that in a lot of our inner city areas there are no more banks — not even credit unions are present," he said in Vancouver.

"So people fall prey if they go to a local convenience store — they're paying a small fortune to have access to their own money."

Banks provide free use of ATMs for their customers, while non-customers are often charged fees that can be as high as three dollars.

The NDP proposal would cap ATM withdrawal fees at 50 cents per transaction across the board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cost to banks

36¢

Glenn Thibeault, the NDP's consumer affairs critic, says it costs banks as little as 36 cents when customers withdraw their own money from bank machines.

Bell Canada. 'Nullcrew' takes credit for hacking

Bell Canada says 22,400 of its small business customers have had their account information compromised by hackers.

Bell says in a release the breach of usernames and passwords occurred when an Ottawa-based third-party supplier had its systems hacked. It says the information was posted to the Internet this weekend.

A hacking group calling itself Nullcrew is claiming credit for the attack, and tweeted a link to the data early Saturday.

Bell says five valid credit card numbers were included in the information dump.

The telecom giant says the affected account passwords have been frozen, and that it is contacting impacted customers and credit card companies.

Bell says its own systems were not hacked, and that its residential, mobility and enterprise customers are not affected. The company says it is working with the unidentified third-party supplier along with "law enforcement and government security officials" to investigate the attack. Twitter postings by the Nullcrew account suggest the supplier's network may have been compromised nearly three weeks ago.

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Bragging online

"Successful day hacking Internet service providers is successful."

The group 'Nullcrew' tweeted Jan. 14.

The road to MacKay River is paved with sticky dirt

The untreated dusty road at MacKay River in Alberta is shown in this undated handout photo. When Suncor, Canada's largest energy company, realized that its dust-control strategy — i.e., spraying water onto the road from a truck — was an act of futility, it enlisted the help of General Electric to get the problem under control. By using a glue of sorts, consisting of a byproduct of pulp and paper manufacturing, GE's method binds the particles together so that the dirt stays put. COURTESY SUNCOR/GE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bet on a 70-cent loonie at own risk

HOW TO ROLL
Alison Griffiths
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The plunging loonie could fall further, say an increasing number of currency watchers. This creates a dilemma for investors. Is it time to hedge or not?

Hedging neutralizes currency fluctuations. It has been very popular with mutual funds and exchange-traded-fund (ETF) providers since the Canadian dollar was a sad-sack 62 cents against the U.S. dollar in 2002.

With our dollar at a historic low, it made sense back then to buy hedged investments because the value of U.S.-dollar investments translated back into Canadian currency would diminish as the loonie rose.

But as the loonie hit $1.10 in 2007, the reverse was true. It made sense to avoid hedged mutual funds and ETFs. No one expected the Canadian dollar to remain that elevated so any decline would make a U.S.-dollar investment worth correspondingly more.

Now things are a bit tricky. The dollar is neither high nor low, but it is approaching an often-stated "fair value" mark of 85 cents against the greenback. Some predictions, notably that of San Francisco hedge-fund manager Vijai Mohan, a longtime Canadian-dollar bear, have it crashing all the way down to 70 cents.

If you believe the loonie bears, then avoid hedged mutual funds and ETFs because U.S.-dollar investments will benefit as our currency sinks.

On the other hand, those who think the loonie will hover or rise, should consider hedged mutual funds or ETFs.

Anyone planning to sell U.S. dollar investments for retirement income or to make a purchase, including withdrawing funds from an RRSP through the Home Buyers' or Lifelong Learning plan, should tread carefully.

A free-falling loonie puts money in your pocket. However, the opposite can also happen. If money is needed in the short term, it's probably better to sell now, rather than betting on a continued downward swing.

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URBAN COMPASS

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The fourth and final city budget of Mayor Rob Ford's term passed through Toronto City Council last week, which means it's a good time to start thinking about legacy.

Because while the mechanics behind government budgets can be complicated, the driving principles shouldn't be. Just as I was taught in cub scouts to always leave my campsite in better shape than how I found it, politicians should always be working toward leaving public finances in better condition than what they inherited. So let's talk about Ford — the budget he inherited, and the budget he's left.

In early 2011, when Ford approached his first budget, he was dealt a pretty great hand. The city had a standing surplus of $346 million. The provincial government was in the process of uploading programs and services worth millions of dollars each year. In addition, the city was enjoying the fruits of a land transfer tax that generated increasing windfalls. Even though Ford kept telling people he wanted to get rid of it, his budgets continued to rely on increasing revenue projections to pay for services. As a result, Ford's first budget almost wrote itself. Ford was able to cut the Vehicle Registration Tax and freeze property taxes without having to embark on a major hunt for savings.

But fast forward four years to 2014 and things aren't so easy anymore. Though Ford says he didn't support the budget council passed last week, his objections ring hollow. The budget was drafted before Ford's powers were removed by council and overseen by a budget chief he appointed. And it paints a gloomy picture for Toronto's fiscal future. Surplus amounts have fallen as land transfer tax revenues have started to stabilize. A Scarborough subway plan pushed residential property taxes up 0.5 per cent this year, and will cause another 1 per cent hit over the next two years. The city's reserve fund for extreme weather events need to be replenished, and doing so will mean another 0.5 per cent hit on the tax bill.

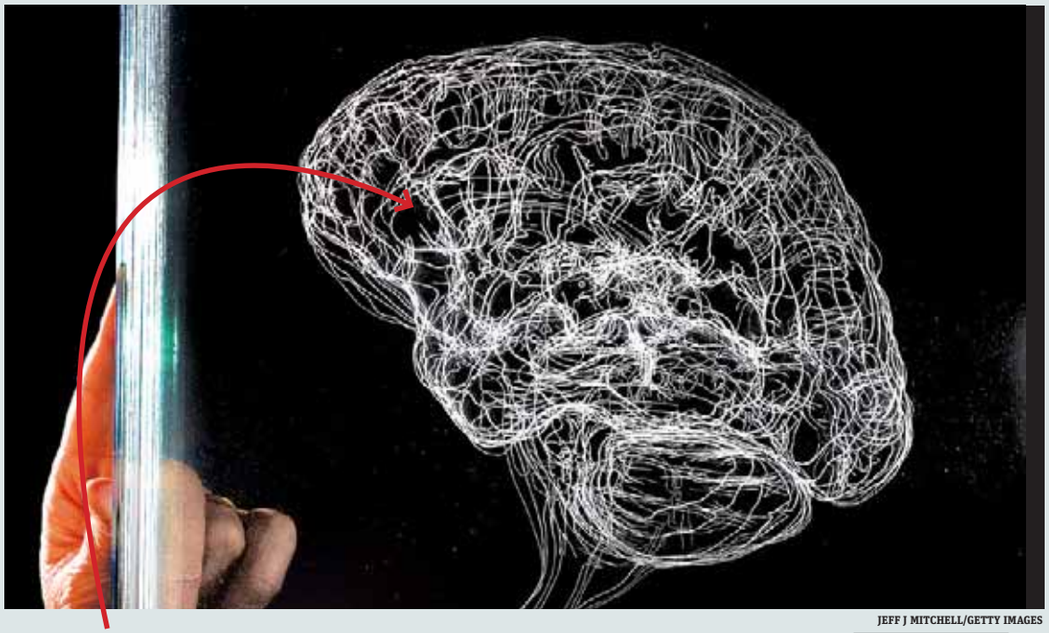
But wait, there's more. Last spring, the provincial government cut a fund that had provided the city with annual cash for housing and social services. The decision was probably hastened by Ford's continued boasts that the city is awash with extra money. Whatever the case, that funding loss will cause the city $86-million worth of pain next year. The upshot? Even with a forecast ten cent TTC fare increase, the 2015 budget has a massive hole in it, with surplus dollars unlikely to come to the rescue. Unless something drastic happens, residents next year could face one of the largest property tax increases since amalgamation.

That's where four years of Ford has left us. That's his budget legacy. But it may be someone else's problem to solve.

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

ZOOM

Portrait of the artist as a brain



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A new frame of mind

Artist Angela Palmer has mapped her own brain. Palmer's work Brain of the Artist, which goes on display to the public for the first time this week at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh, was created from digital information provided by medical scanners. METRO

Artists viewpoint

"It is an extraordinary experience, staring at your brain floating in a glass chamber before you. Unlike traditional portraiture, an image of one's brain does not depict anything recognisably 'you' and yet it could not be more intensely personal."

"Being scanned felt like a mechanical fortune teller passing over your body," artist Angela Palmer said. GETTY IMAGES

Sculpture exposes 'inner architecture'

"Recreating the brain is perhaps the most objective form of self-portraiture," Palmer describes. "I try to peel back the layers to expose the hidden beauty of our inner architecture. The image floats ethereally in its glass chamber, but can only be viewed from certain angles. From above and from the side the image vanishes and the viewer sees only a void." METRO

Clickbait

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Last week, the beloved famous Internet cat Colonel Meow passed away, leaving us with a fluffy, Himalayan cat-sized hole in our collective hearts. But now that we're done grieving, Metro takes a look at some other Internet-famous felines who can help fill that void.

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Lil Bub (lilbub.com):
Known for her perma-kitten appearance, Lil Bub is a dwarf cat with a lolling tongue and a big heart. She's spawned a merchandise empire, and boasts an impressive array of social media followers. She even has her own talk show.

Nala Cat (nalacat.com):
Quite possibly the only cat with over one million Instagram followers, Nala is a Siamese-Tabby mix known for her blue eyes and love of bow ties.

Maru (youtube.com/user/mugumogu):
One of the first cats to garner online fame, Maru is a Scottish fold from Japan whose fascination with boxes has been delighting YouTube users for years.

Twitter

Canadian groundhogs like Wiarton Willie and Shubenacadie Sam are offering conflicting predictions on how much longer Old Man Winter will be sticking around, while world-famous Punxsutawney Phil says it won't be leaving quite yet. How will you be spending the next six weeks?

@KatarinaKaneff: praying that both of those silly groundhogs are smote for their horrible predictions, and that spring comes early.

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A journal of behind-the-scenes movie magic, folks at Cinefex magazine get their hands on the extras you won't find on any DVD and the photos obsessive fans drool over. Going digital has actually lowered its price from $15 to $5 while adding how-they-did-it videos and interactive galleries. The current issue is a fascinating reveal of what kept Sandra Bullock afloat in Gravity.

Box office

Ride Along still cruising on top

Ride Along has topped the box office for the third week in a row with $12.3 million US, according to Sunday's studio estimates. Disney's Frozen, now the fourth highest-grossing domestic animated release ever, is in second place with $9.3 million US. That Awkward Moment, a Focus Features film, has taken third place in its opening weekend with $9 million US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Glamour on the gridiron

Forget the football!
Bruno Mars, Chili Peppers and Queen Latifah the real stars of the Super Bowl

Bruno Mars and Anthony Kiedis wow the crowd at the Super Bowl on Sunday. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Bruno Mars brought millions of fans into the club with a command performance during the Super Bowl halftime show Sunday.

The Grammy Award-winning singer translated his high-energy live show to the largest of stages, carrying off his hits with a smoking hot live band while managing to seamlessly integrate the Red Hot Chili Peppers into the set.

There was some concern Mars might not be able to hold up to the pressure of the assignment, but the 28-year-old wiped away the questions immediately.

Dressed in a gold-coloured jacket, he executed a note-perfect drum solo as he rode across the field on a raised platform. Once on stage, he delivered hits like Locked Out of Heaven and Treasure with a machismo that made it clear he wasn't lip-syncing.

Earlier in the evening, rapper and singer Queen Latifah and the opera star Renée Fleming proved the perfect choices to sing America the Beautiful and The Star-Spangled Banner. Both women are accomplished performers and handled the pitfall-ridden material with relative ease in stirring performances that brought cheers from the crowd.

"Have you ever heard it sung any better?," play-by-play announcer Joe Buck said as fans cheered wildly after Fleming's two-minute rendition of the national anthem.

Her performance included the Armed Forces Chorus, video shots of soldiers in Afghanistan, fireworks, a giant American flag and several shots of Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning scowling, already in game-face mode.

Fans cheered wildly after the soprano, dressed in a Vera Wang-designed black gown with white sash, hit a long final high note with practised ease.

Latifah, dressed sedately in a knee-length blue parka and a white turtleneck, shared her performance equally with the New Jersey Youth Chorus, often swirling her voice together with the singers rather than taking a more forceful lead role. The effect was lovely.

She finished her performance with a small fist pump.

After walking off the field, Fleming said she hadn't felt nervous. "I do most of my nervous stuff in advance so when I actually get there I can enjoy it ... and it was certainly true this time," she said. "I feel so thrilled and honoured to be out there. I loved every second." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oh, Joe!

Despite it being a balmy 8 C in East Rutherford on Sunday night, NFL legend Joe Namath symbolically flipped the bird at PETA and donned a fur coat for his role as pre-game coin tosser. The cloak was ostensibly an homage to his style during his days as the New York Jets' star quarterback in the 1960s, when he'd think nothing of throwing on some animal skins to keep warm on the sidelines.

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Rob Ford the answer to Canada's literary woes

Ripe for satire. Author Gary Shteyngart says Toronto's mayor is just the thing to shake up writing in this country

American-Russian author Gary Shteyngart. CONTRIBUTED

Satirical American-Russian author Gary Shteyngart says he's sorry for saying some Canadian authors take fewer risks because they are beholden to government grants.

But he still stands by his words, which he recently made to an online publication, and he thinks the problem will eventually change, thanks to embattled Toronto mayor Rob Ford.

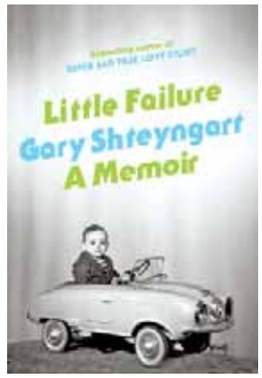
"I think Rob Ford will give Canada licence to do something else," Shteyngart said in an interview to promote his new immigrant memoir, Little Failure.

"Because now literature — the idea of this sort of perfect country, which is how many people see it, where everything just hums along smoothly and people are polite — you've got Rob Ford and that raises the bar, and I think literature has to meet that bar in some way.

"Because now we know that there's a craziness underneath it all that exceeds any insanity that we have in our craziest states — in Jersey, Alabama. I mean, this is beyond crazy. This is so crazy that, as a satirist who invents countries like Absurdistan, I could have never invented this. And this is here in Toronto. It's spectacular. Congratulations."

The bespectacled novelist behind Super Sad True Love Story, Absurdistan and The Russian Debutante's Handbook recently took a jab at the state of CanLit in an article on vulture.com.

It was in response to a question of whether fiction should be subsidized.



"Let me say this. I was the judge of a Canadian prize, and it's subsidized, they all get grants," started Shteyngart, who was on the jury for the 2012 Scotiabank Giller Prize that went to Will Ferguson's novel 419.

"Out of a million entries, we found four or five really good ones, but people just don't take the same damn risks! Maybe they want to please the Ontario Arts Council, or whatever it is."

On Friday, when asked about the comments, Shteyngart delivered a tongue-in-cheek apology.

"I'm so sorry, Canada. I'm so sorry. I love all things Canadian," said the Brooklyn-based scribe. "I got married in Nunavut, in Grise Fiord, the northernmost civilian settlement — I mean, come on. Glenn Gould, I like him quite a bit. I just had a picture taken of me sitting next to him, at that statue outside the CBC. I ate poutine last night along with some Niagara icewine, dessert wine.

"I mean, I'm giving it all for this country."

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Drunken stupor

Shteyngart's tongue-in-cheek apology regarding his comments about the state of Canadian literature included an homage to Toronto Mayor Rob Ford. Shteyngart says he "was in a drunken stupor" and "had smoked crack" when he made the comments.

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J. K. Rowling ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rowling admits not every little thing she does is magic — like Ron & Hermione

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling is having second thoughts about having ended the series with heroine Hermione Granger paired up romantically with Ron Weasley.

The hugely successful author tells Wonderland magazine she chose the red-haired Ron for Hermione for very personal reasons.

She told the magazine she "wrote the Hermione-Ron relationship as a form of wish fulfilment" and said the couple might eventually need relationship counselling.

The soon-to-be published interview was reported in The Sunday Times, which also quoted actress Emma Watson, who played Hermione, expressing doubts about the viability of her character's relationship with Ron.

She told the newspaper that many fans doubt Ron can make Hermione happy over time.

Many fans had hoped Harry and Hermione would become a couple. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One super bowl too many? Biebs held before big game as jet searched for pot

Justin Bieber just can't catch a break. The beleaguered singer arrived at New Jersey's Teterboro airport for the Super Bowl in a private jet that reportedly reeked of marijuana, prompting authorities to place him in federal custody for hours while the aircraft was searched, according to Page Six. Bieber was travelling with his father, Jeremy, and about 10 other friends. While drug-sniffing dogs reportedly identified two pieces of luggage as containing marijuana, nothing was found and Bieber

Justin Bieber

and his entourage were allowed to leave. Sources say the jet's pilot may have tipped off police about pot smoking on board before landing.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Pop goes the week

Jackman to drop anchor in Jack Sparrow's lagoon

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Hugh Jackman will be playing Blackbeard in the upcoming Peter Pan movie. I think I speak for all of us when I say, "Captain Jack Sparrow who?"

Kate Gosselin's sister says that the two siblings haven't spoken a word to each other in six years. Then she continued skipping down the street, throwing confetti and handing out puppies.

After a year and a half Heidi Klum breaks up with her bodyguard boyfriend. But shee-eee-eee-eee-eee will always love him.

While testifying at the British phone-hacking trial, Jude Law finds out that a close relative sold private information about Jude to the News of the World. "I may have a useful tip for you," says Kate Gosselin's sister.

Rovio, the maker of Angry Birds, wants to make it completely clear they "do not collaborate with spy agencies." They will, however, admit to turning previously well-functioning adults into empty shells that can only be filled by the laughter of evil pigs and thus are completely vulnerable to oppression by the agents of totalitarian governments.

This week in What Event was Worse? The Pope's lovely peace doves getting viciously attacked by a seagull and a crow or Jamie Foxx introducing his daughter by saying, "this is my seed?"

Lorde

She is 17 going on 45: Lorde cracks wise as age conspiracy debunked

With the success that 17-year-old singer Lorde has achieved, it's easy to believe conspiracy theorists when they claim she's lying about her age. In fact, rumours to that effect reached a fever pitch after her recent Grammy victory, so website the Hairpin went ahead and published her full New Zealand birth certificate, which proves that Lorde — real name Ella Maria Lani Yelich-O'Connor — was born Nov. 7, 1996. Of course, some conspiracy theorists still aren't convinced. Lorde herself is taking it in stride, joking to Vanity Fair recently, "Hi, I'm Ella, and I'm actually 45."

Owen Wilson

It's another boy for serial baby daddy Owen Wilson

Owen Wilson is a dad once again, welcoming a baby boy with ex-girlfriend and former personal trainer Caroline Lindqvist, the actor's rep confirms to People magazine. "They are not living together, but Owen is involved (in the pregnancy)," a source said prior to the baby's birth. "He comes to doctor's appointments and makes sure Caroline is doing well." Wilson also has a three-year-old son with ex Jade Duell.

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Why your budget was a bust from the beginning

It was a good effort but... Keep these five money-management mistakes in mind when drawing up your next dollar tracker

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Budgeting isn't just about tracking your costs, it's about making sure you're spending your hard-earned money the way you want to. ISTOCK

People are always willing to volunteer their wisdom about budgets to me. I'm a budget discussion magnet, it seems. And nine times out of 10, people want to tell me why budgets don't work. I agree. Most people's budgets don't work for a few basic reasons. Here's my top five list:

Inaccurate income projections
I can't believe the number of people who don't know how much money they make. How can you have a hope in hell of having a budget that works if you don't know how much money you bring home?

I know there are a variety of pay periods: monthly, semi-monthly, bi-weekly and weekly. But all you have to do is look at how much is coming into your accounts to know how much you actually make.

If it varies from one month to the next, then use the lowest income you have as your basic income, and use whatever extra you earn to fund stuff like home maintenance, vacations, gifts and the like.

Not enough categories
Most people generalize their budgets too much to get an accurate picture of where their money is going. I swear if I see one more budget with "spending money" I'll spit. It's all spending money. What are you spending it on?

You have to have enough categories in your budget to give you a real sense of where the money goes and where you may be able to cut costs. Careful now: too many categories and you'll make your budget such a chore that you'll toss it in no time at all. Another problem that goes hand in hand with this one is:

Failure to include expenses
Not all expenses come in every month. Insurance bills can come annually.

Property taxes can come quarterly. Service contracts, dental bills, birthday presents, health-club renewals… there are lots of things that pop up only once or four times a year. If you don't include them in your budget, you won't have the money at the ready when the bill comes in.

Cash
People spend cash without keeping track of where it's going and that throws their budgets out of whack. Some people use bank machines like a wallet, pulling $20 here and $40 there as needed.

Careless categorization

I swear if I see one more budget with "spending money" I'll spit. It's all spending money. What are you spending it on?
Gail Vaz-Oxlade

The problem with this approach is that money flows away without any record of where it's gone. And if you know you have a bill coming due in a couple of days, but your partner doesn't, and he goes into the account for cash, then you won't have the money available to pay the bill.

No plan to save
People seldom put a "savings" line on their budget. Despite how well known the Pay Yourself First idea is, people still don't do it.

They wait to see how much they have left to save. And it's usually ZERO, zip, zilch! If you're serious about savings, it has to be a line item on your budget. You have to identify a specific amount you're going to save both for long-term savings and for emergencies, and you need an auto-deduction to a savings account to MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Budgets are a great tool provided you use them the right way. You need to have spending categories that fit your personal situation, your spending habits, and your income.

Don't look to anyone else's completed budget as a guide, except perhaps for a list of categories you may not have thought of. Make sure you review your spending patterns to see if there are areas where you're overspending.

There may even be things you're spending money on of which you weren't even aware.

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Choose organization over obliteration

Inbox overload? How to avoid declaring email bankruptcy

Whether it's steady trickle of daily emails or the hundreds of messages streaming in during your vacation, hitting the reset button on your inbox may seem like the easiest way to cope with the digital deluge.

In a recent New York Times article, columnist Nick Bilton wrote of his decision to delete all of his 46,315 unread emails, starting the new year with an empty inbox.

"I think it stems from this ability to have access to technology anywhere and anytime," said Jui Ramaprasad, assistant professor, information systems at McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management.

"All of these companies we interact with have mobile applications or have social media handles they want you to follow them on. And you just do it one at a time and all of a sudden, it ends up with complete information overload."

Yet while declaring email bankruptcy may offer momentary respite from the flurry of messages, there's little to stem the inevitable tide of new ones filtering in.

"By purging everything, they're just going to get in this continuous loop of overwhelm, and it will never go away unless they change their approach and outlook of how they deal with email," says Ottawa-based productivity consultant Valeri Hall Little of Intandem Business Efficiency.

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You've got mail!

Rather than responding to the urge to hit delete all, experts suggest finding more efficient ways to manage the influx.

- Christina Cavanagh, author of Managing Your E-mail: Thinking Outside the Inbox, said the inbox should be treated as a central control to assess which emails can be dealt with in a few minutes and which others can be filed for handling later.
- Valeri Hall Little of Intandem Business Efficiency said individuals should change their mindset about managing their inbox to "processing" rather than checking emails. She coaches clients to create three processing folders: action (for tasks that require more than two minutes); reading (for newsletters); and pending (messages that require a response.)

A TIME TO REFLECT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

The early Blacks in Canada were explorers, enslaved people, refugees, land owners, cowboys, hockey players, activists, political leaders, military personnel, sleeping car porters, churchgoers, doctors, domestic workers, and business people.

February is Black History Month ... a time when Canadians can participate in festivities and events to honour the legacy and accomplishments of Black achievers, both past and present.

The idea for Black History Month began in 1926 when U.S. historian Carter G. Woodson envisioned a Black history "week" to recognize the achievements of African-Americans. He chose February to honour U.S. president Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays fell in that month. Eventually, Black History Week became Black History Month.

In Canada, the House of Commons didn't officially recognize February as Black History Month until 1995. The motion was made by Jean Augustine, the first Black woman elected to Canada's Parliament, after a group of prominent Black Canadians introduced the idea. Today, Black History Month salutes Black Canadians who have contributed to this country's prosperity and positive international reputation.

NELSON MANDELA

After 27 years in prison, a free Nelson Mandela stood on Canadian soil in 1990 and acknowledged his special affection for Canadians. We were a source of inspiration with our early support for the anti-apartheid movement and economic sanctions against South Africa. On his last visit in 2001, Mandela became the first living person awarded with honorary Canadian citizenship.

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February provides "a time to reflect on and celebrate our achievements and contributions as African-Canadians, and further to mobilize strategies and actions against the current disparagements of Black people," says Dr. Afua Cooper, associate professor, James Robinson Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies, at Dalhousie University in Halifax. "It is a time for teaching youth about their history, culture, and heritage. History teaching is a form of reparations. It is a time to remind us all to look in the mirror and love what we see. Black History Month is every month of the year."

Amorell Saunders N'Daw, a Toronto mother of three sons, also believes Black History Month is more than just a month.

"I think Black History Month should be every month," she says. "It's absolutely necessary for our children to be culturally aware, and the monthly focus is an important reminder of the value of honouring our history."

– Heather Beaumont

A RICH BLEND OF FLAVOURS

HARBOURFRONT CENTRE PRESENTS KUUMBA

Harbourfront Centre offers Toronto a rich blend of Caribbean and African sounds and flavours at Kuumba (Feb. 7-9), Toronto's longest-running Black History Month festival.

For three days, Kuumba explores the idea of Identity in 2014. The curatorial lens of identity branches out from Harbourfront Centre's The Big Idea: Legacy. Together, identity and legacy will be woven throughout the weekend events to challenge and address stereotypes while engaging the public to reflect on the future of Toronto's cultural scene.

"This year we are honouring the legacy of the artists and audiences alike who have made Kuumba one of the biggest festivals in Toronto celebrating Black History Month," says Melanie Fernandez, director of community and educational programs. "It was a visionary action by Harbourfront Centre to create such a bold festival and this year's lineup promises to be sensational."

Notable events include a comedy night ($18) with top Canadian comedians, a spoken word showcase, fun afrofusion dance workshops, film screenings and Q&A sessions with film directors, natural hair transformations, gospel and urban music concerts, a carnival-inspired skating party, family crafts and more. Best of all, most events are free.

HARBOURFRONT CENTRE PHOTO

Kuumba is part of the TD Then & Now Black History Month Series and presented in association with Black Artists' Network Dialogue (BAND).

PEOPLE WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

During Black History Month, Canadians honour people of African heritage.

Some of the early Black Canadians may not have learned to read and write or had access to writing tools. Some were listed as "property," and others, though literate and learned, were overlooked or ignored by history at the time. But even as they quietly lived their lives, they resisted injustice, smashed colour barriers ... and made history.

Here are some of the Black Canadians we honour and remember this month:

• Explorer and interpreter Mathieu Da Costa is recognized as the first Black person in the 1600s to visit what we now call Canada.

• Olivier Le Jeune, born in Madagascar, was the first enslaved person on record in early Canada — he was only eight years old. An outspoken little boy, Le Jeune was sold to a French clerk in 1629.

• John Ware, born into slavery in the U.S., became an experienced cowhand in the 1800s. He helped establish the ranching industry on the Prairies of early Alberta.

• Anderson Abbott's wealthy family owned 50 properties in early Toronto. He became the first Canadian-born Black doctor. When the Civil War broke out in the U.S., Abbott served as a doctor and soldier and cared for a dying Abraham Lincoln. As a token of appreciation, Mary Todd Lincoln later gifted her husband's plaid shawl to Abbott.

• In 1859, William Hall became the first Black sailor and Nova Scotian awarded the Victoria Cross, the British Empire's highest bravery award.

• In 1866, Mifflin Gibbs became the first Black politician elected in Canada to Victoria City Council.

• Viola Desmond, a Black Nova Scotia businesswoman, faced jail in 1946 when she integrated a movie theatre.

• Willie O'Ree, born in Fredericton, N.B., broke the colour barrier in 1958 and became the first Black to play in the NHL.

For more information about Canada's Black history makers, visit blackhistorycanada.ca

– Heather Beaumont

CONTEST INSPIRES DISCOVERY

Passion. Inspiration. Fresh voices. These notions are what stood out to judges of the Royal Bank of Canada's sixth annual RBC Black History Month student essay competition.

"There was a lot of discovery and passion from the students in learning about the history of black Canadians," says Pennie Santiago, RBC regional vice-president for Scarborough, Ont., and the RBC representative on the competition's judging panel.

"You could hear in the essays the real passion about being able to achieve through struggle. And I'm not sure the students had that awareness of what it was like to live in Canada 100 to 150 years ago."

The contest, which announces its winners tomorrow at a special event at the Toronto Board of Trade in honour of Black History Month and will be featured at rbc.com/essay, began in 2008 as a grassroots initiative by a group of employees within RBC. Then, two years ago, RBC increased awareness of the contest as well as the prizing. In fact, this year significant prizes were added, including scholarships for $5,000, $2,500 and $1,500 and a Me to We Ghana trip. Me to We is a socially conscious organization that helps empower children and people to improve the world through conscious choices.

That prize in particular fits in with what Santiago saw as themes throughout the essays submitted.

"There was a theme about leadership we've had in the past and some of the people the students chose to write about were people who were firsts—whether it was journalists or scientists or lawyers," she says. "But there was also the theme of continuing on the path of contributing to black history in Canada and Canadian society."

Matthew Samuels, Zaena Harrison and Wadia Forrester were winners of the 2013 RBC Black History Month essay competition.

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Santiago sees that fitting in with not only the spirit of the competition, but the social philosophies within the RBC organization.

"This contest speaks really well as to how much RBC and its employees are committed to diversity and expanding the conversation and really being tied into the community. Outside of celebrating diversity, it also speaks to our celebration of kids and helping youth, something we talk a lot about internally. It's really a natural fit."

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ARTISTS EXPLORE THE THEN AND NOW

BAND AND TD PRESENT CULTURE SERIES

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The stories are as varied as the people.

Canada's Black pioneers first set foot on this vast land as explorers, refugees, enslaved people and, like so many, as newcomers in search of providence.

This February, BAND (Black Artists' Networks Dialogue) celebrates Black History Month in partnership with TD Bank Group to present the TD Then & Now national cultural series. The life stories of the early nation builders continue to influence and inspire contemporary artists, cultural organizations and their audiences.

"It's February," says guest curator Maxine Bailey. "It's cold. It's quite understandable, the urge to hibernate until spring and only venture out to work or school. However, it would be your loss."

Bailey urges all Canadians to "gather up the parka, the toques, the mittens, and boots, and get out and enjoy stunning movement, funky rhythms, spectacular sounds, in-depth discussion and sweet poetry."

SHOWCASE

In its seven-year history, Then & Now has showcased more than 300 Black History Month events.

"The Then & Now series has become one of the most prominent cultural celebrations in Canada," says Scott Mullin, TD Bank Group's vice-president, community relations. "TD's goal has been to ... further develop Black arts and culture and to celebrate the accomplishments of Black Canadians."

The 2014 Then & Now cultural series — a partnership with TD Bank Group, produced by BAND, a Toronto-based national organization dedicated to connecting Black arts and culture to communities, has expanded west to Calgary and Vancouver. There are 60 multidisciplinary projects offered in six cities with projects in both official languages. The series includes African and Caribbean-heritage communities and runs through February into early March.

Events include:

- Black Strathcona is one of four projects in Vancouver. The new media project reveals a once thriving east-end B.C. neighbourhood.
- In Calgary, Shakura S'Aida presents Songs and Conversation with Calgary Folk Festival.
- In Toronto, Harbourfront Centre's three-day Kuumba celebration includes Dance Immersion Ontario's, Celebrating our Men in Dance.
- In Ottawa, Speaking of Black Hockey celebrates the history and soul of hockey.
- Montreal Opera's Porgy and Bess features Measha Brueggergosman in one of eight city projects.
- Five Halifax events include San Family Productions Inc.'s play, The Mother Club, about women, tradition and survival.

For more, visit band-rand.com.

STIMULATE YOUR IMAGINATION ALL YEAR LONG

In 1926, U.S. historian Carter G. Woodson developed an idea for what is now known as Black History Month.

Years later, Canadians advocated for a Black History Month of their own. But all too often, when February ends audiences for Black arts and culture disperse.

"Intellectually, I struggle that the attention on these fine artists seems to be limited to just one month per year," says Maxine Bailey, guest curator of the 2014 Then & Now national cultural series, produced by BAND (Black Artists' Networks Dialogue), with partner, the TD Bank Group. "We must change that mode of thinking."

African-Americans and Black Canadians continue to debate the relevance of commemorating Black History Month. Some discuss the merits of celebrating Black art, culture and history in the shortest, coldest month of the year.

Others, like U.S. hip-hop artist, Kanye West suggest that we "Make Black History every day," he raps. "I don't need a month."

Whether the tribute to Black history lasts for a month or 365 days a year, Canada's Black history continues to impact the nation's contemporary artists and culture.

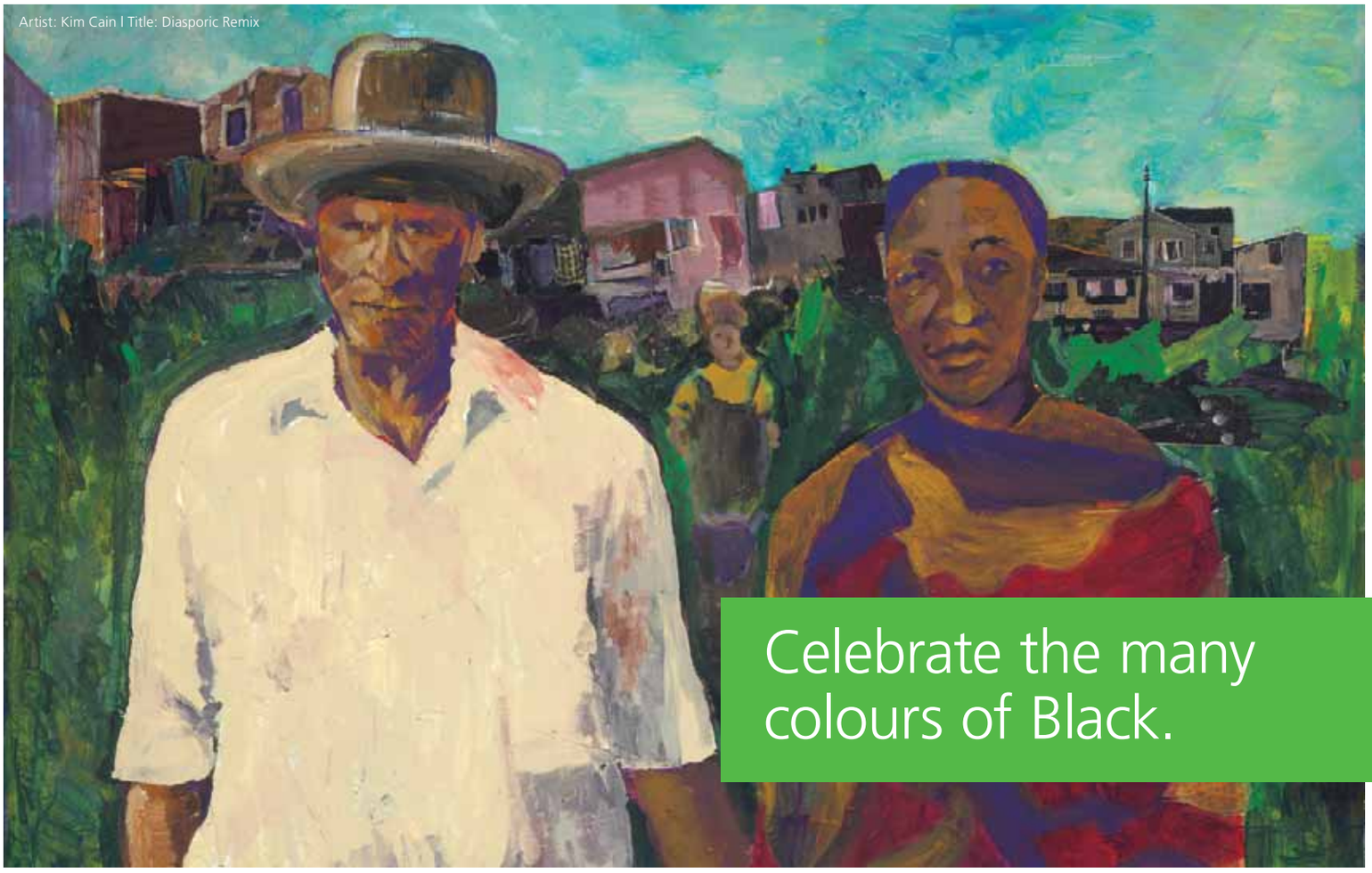
LESIA BAILEY PHOTO

"These artists work year-round to create challenging works to stimulate your senses and imagination," says Bailey, who is also BAND co-founder. BAND is the Toronto-based national organization dedicated to connecting communities to Black arts and culture.

The 60 multidisciplinary projects created by Black Canadian artists and cultural organizations comprise the 2014 Then & Now series. It all started with an idea that took seed and blossomed into theatre, multimedia, music, art, film and panel discussions. Then & Now is made possible with the year-round commitment of volunteers and donors, led by the TD Bank Group along with members of Caribbean-, African-heritage and wider communities across the country.

60 PROJECTS

The 2014 Then & Now national cultural series provides francophone and anglophone audiences an opportunity to view 60 multidisciplinary projects about the Black experience. This year, celebrate Black history and achievements along with artists and the cultural organizations that create inspiring art year-round. Some events are free. For more information,visit band-rand.com.



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You gotta fight, in your plight, to learn math

Hit the books. Math professor teaches students to apply the 'ninja method' to intimidating equations

VICKI SALEMI
Metro World News

Who hasn't experienced the desire to deck their long-division homework? ISTOCK

Street fighting and self-defence require quick thinking and an ability to "shoot first and ask questions later." These ninja skills also apply to students in Dr. Sanjoy Mahajan's class based on his book, Street-Fighting Mathematics.

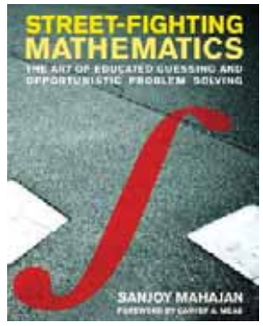
For his class, available at MIT and to students participating in the Massive Open Online Courses program who have basic physics and algebra comprehension, Mahajan says he doesn't want his students to "wait for the perfect kick to come" — he encourages them to just go for it.

The lessons seek to rid students of math anxieties by emphasizing the art of problem-solving without doing an exact, lengthy calculation.

"They think, 'If I don't get this one right answer, I have nothing,'" he says. The answer itself isn't the end-all, be-all though. That's because in his class, a grade is not based on correct or incorrect answers; instead, it's all about whether they've made a decent effort to find the answer.

By showing students an equation as they stare at various symbols in fear, he tells them not to worry, since the answer will be found differently from how they expect it to be anyhow.

"The paranoia will freeze them up and just like in a street fight, they'll get slaughtered." In order to become liberated, he focuses on action in doing something reasonable and reacting without over-thinking a solution — in other words, estimating.



The class challenges the idea that math is supposed to be exact, as students toss away the notion of perfection and right and wrong. To drive home the ninja math technique, he often uses Navier-Stokes equations, considered some of the most complex math equations out there. He says it literally takes years to solve these problems, but "to hell with that, that's not a street-fighting approach." With a long, arduous approach, he says problems will not be solved and suggests the street-fighting approach as a way to make progress.

Students inevitably apply the ninja method to other classes as well, Mahajan points out. Approximating helps them simplify, he explains: "When the going gets tough, lower your standards."

Mahajan used the technique to learn German, for example. The language has endings with seven different forms of the word "the." Instead of figuring out the proper word endings, the professor went with the most common one.

"I was willing to approximate and not get 'paralysis by analysis,'" he says. Coupled with approximating by slurring the ends of words, locals understood Mahajan based on what their ear was trained to hear.

It turns out that the street fighting technique works in German too.

Math-o-phobia

"The paranoia will freeze them up and just like in a street fight, they'll get slaughtered."
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'Round the world wisdom

Train your attitude before taking on any challenge

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

Routinely pushing yourself to take the rockier road will make life's regular humps seem so much smoother. ISTOCK

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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When facing a challenge, we typically dedicate the majority of our time to acquiring a new skill, rather than training our attitude so that the new skill can flourish.

When I signed up for the multi-stage ultra-marathon in the Gobi, the best advice I received was that it wasn't a marathon and that "the race was 50 per cent mental attitude, 50 per cent physical aptitude." That simple statement would drive everything I did. Yes, I had to learn to run half the distance. But I would need to rely on my mind for the other half. How should I train my attitude?

I decided to run only when I didn't want to.

I ran at midnight, when I wanted to go to bed, after a meal when I felt full, outdoor preferably during storms and blizzards, when I was ill, or when my little voice inside said, "I'm tired." And when there was beautiful sunshine outside with perfect running conditions, I went to the gym and did strength training inside instead.

Ultimately, my training would add up to less distance than most competitors who ran the Gobi. But every time I set foot outside to run, I also received the compound upshot of slowly building the mental attitude and immunity required to deal with the adverse conditions the desert would unleash.

When taking on something new, consider that for the new skills or habits to stick, an attitude adjustment should be your first step.

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This Moroccan-flavoured dish resembles the flavours of the North African delicacy, tagine. A tagine is a delicious dish that is braised in a small amount of liquid with vegetables, dried fruit, olives and Mediterranean spices. If you own a tagine, the authentic cooking vessel, you can bake this dish at 350 F.

This is a delicious one-pot dish that I serve for the family or when I'm entertaining.

You can always use boneless chicken breasts or chicken on the bone but it will take longer to cook.

Traditionally, you would serve this dish over couscous, but I have selected the healthier grain, quinoa.

To make perfect quinoa, just combine 1 1/2 cups of stock or water with 1 cup of quinoa, bring to a boil, cover and simmer on the lowest heat for 15 minutes just until the liquid is absorbed and the quinoa just tender. (Make the quinoa while the chicken mixture is simmering.)

To toast the nuts, just heat them in a hot skillet on medium-high heat for about 3 minutes or just until toasted. You can make a batch up in advance and keep stored in an airtight container.

This dish is also great as leftovers. Heat gently in a microwave or toasted oven at 300 F.

Nutritional information

Per serving: 419 calories; 70 g carbohydrates; 9 g fibre; 15.5 g protein; 9.6 g total fat; 1.8 g saturated fat; 11 mg cholesterol; 350 mg sodium

Ingredients

- 2 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs, diced
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 cup diced carrot
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- Pinch nutmeg
- Pinch cayenne
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup drained and rinsed chickpeas
- 1/2 cup chopped green olives
- 3/4 cup diced dried apricots
- 3/4 cup diced dried dates
- 3 cups cooked quinoa
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup toasted sliced almonds

This recipe serves six. ROSE REISMAN

Directions

1. Combine the chicken and flour. In a large non stick skillet, add vegetable oil and sauté chicken just until browned and half way cooked about 2 minutes. Set aside. Wipe out skillet and spray with vegetable oil.

2. Sauté onion, garlic, carrots, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, cayenne and salt and pepper for 5 minutes. Add stock, chickpeas, chicken, olives, and dried fruit and simmer covered for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add more stock if needed.

3. Serve the dish over cooked quinoa and garnish with cilantro and toasted almonds.

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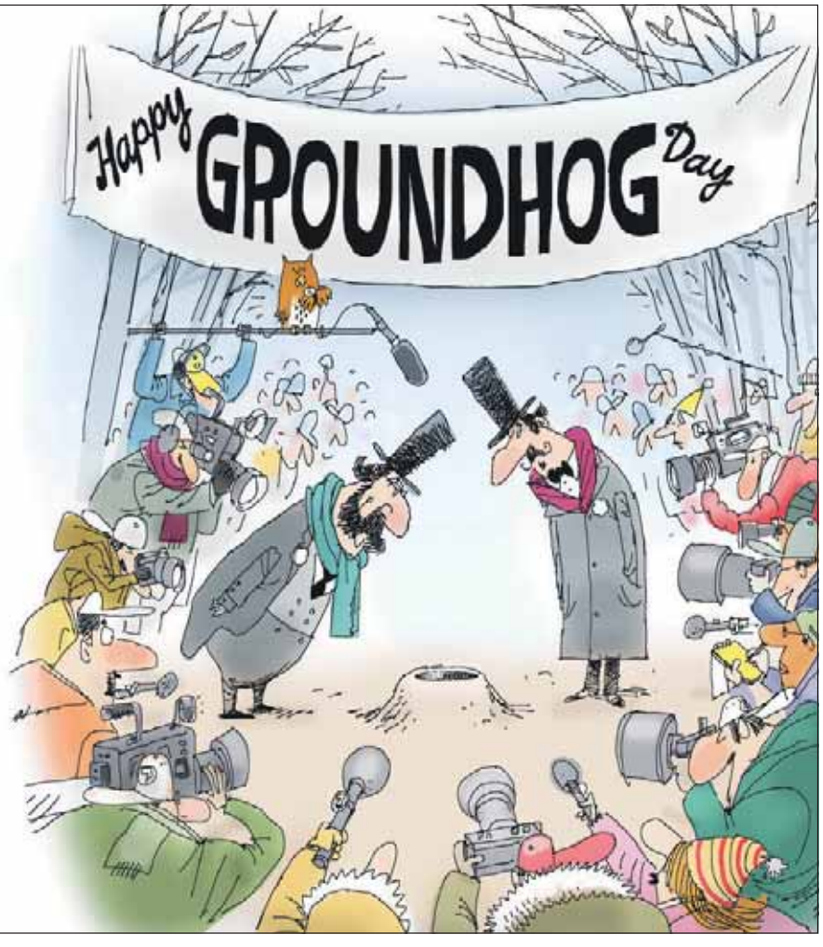

4 SPORTS

Broncos running back Knowshon Moreno is tackled by Seahawks Chris Clemons, from left, Bobby Wagner and Cliff Avril during Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Bowl-dozer

Seahawks win.
Manning's Broncos overwhelmed by Seattle's defence from start to finish

The Seattle Seahawks won their first Super Bowl title Sunday night, crushing the favoured Denver Broncos 43-8.

With help from their relentless top-ranked defence, the Seahawks made Peyton Manning & Co. just plain miserable. Seattle led 36-0 before Denver finally scored on the last play of the third quarter.

Manning was 34 of 49 for 280 yards, but most of that came after Seattle had all but put the game away. He was flustered for most of the first half, throwing two interceptions.

Super Bowl

43	8
Seahawks	Broncos

- The Seahawks' Malcolm Smith earned Super Bowl MVP honours.
- Smith is only the third linebacker in Super Bowl history to earn the award, joining Ray Lewis of Baltimore in 2001, and Chuck Howley of Dallas in 1971.

The second fluttered into linebacker Malcolm Smith's hands after Cliff Avril struck the five-time NFL MVP's arm as he was releasing the ball. Smith returned the interception 69 yards for a touchdown.

Percy Harvin returned the kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown to open the third quarter, putting the Seahawks ahead 29-0 just 12 seconds after the teams returned from the halftime break, the Broncos' biggest deficit of the season.

Harvin, who missed most of the season with injuries, initially struggled fielding the short kickoff but then burst up the middle and cut left once he was in the clear. It was the second straight Super Bowl the second-half kickoff was returned for a touchdown after Baltimore's Jacoby Jones did it last year.

Second-year quarterback Russell Wilson was coolly efficient for the Seahawks, throwing for 206 yards and two touchdowns.

His first touchdown strike was thrown to Jermaine Kearse, who spun out of two tackle attempts for an impressive 23-yard score with 2:58 left in the third quarter.

The game's final score came when Doug Baldwin caught a pass from Wilson at the goal-line and pushed his way into the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown that put Seattle up by 35 points with 11:45 remaining.

Seattle became the first team to hold the Broncos' record-setting offence to no points in any half this season. Denver gained 123 yards on 31 plays — averaging less than four yards a play — in the first half.

They avoided the shutout on the final play of the third quarter with Demaryius Thomas' 14-yard touchdown catch — his 12th reception of the game to set a Super Bowl record. Wes Welker then caught a two-point conversion toss. Thomas finished with 13 catches for 118 yards.

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Opening snap

Safety first but not planned by Broncos

All those records, all for naught.

Peyton Manning couldn't cap the greatest season any NFL quarterback ever had or secure his legacy as the best QB in history because his Denver Broncos came down with a case of the yips Sunday night.

They fell behind right from the start and never recovered.

The bumbling Broncos trailed before Manning ever got his hands on the ball because Manny Ramirez's bad snap went for a safety 12 seconds into the game.

It only got worse as the Seahawks scored the game's first 36 points.

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A snap sails past Peyton Manning for a safety. GETTY IMAGES

Sisters, from left, Maxime, Chloe and Justine Dufour-Lapointe pose for a photo after being introduced as members of Canada's Olympic freestyle skiing team on Jan. 20 in Montreal. Skiing has always been a family affair in the Dufour-Lapointe household. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sister skiers take bumps together

Freestyle skiing. Dufour-Lapointe trio look to make podium in moguls at Olympics

Skiing has always been a family affair in the Dufour-Lapointe household.

For Johanne Dufour and Yves Lapointe, it was a way to spend quality time in the winter with their three daughters.

But they never thought that one day it would take Maxime, Chloe and Justine Dufour-Lapointe to the Olympic Games.

All three freestyle skiing sisters will be in Sochi, Russia, to compete in moguls, the mad dash over the bumps with two intricate jumps thrown in.

It was the eldest, Maxime, who got them started in freestyle when she was 12 and went to see a friend in a moguls competition. Right away, she wanted to try it and it wasn't long before her talent began to show and she was entering races as well.

Her sisters were eager to try it, too.

But if 24-year-old Maxime opened the door for her sisters, it took her the longest to reach her full potential.

"I had some tough moments," said Maxime, now considered among the world's best in landing her jumps. "As an athlete, it's normal to have some self-doubt.

"I'm an analytical person and I like to figure things out. Now I understand moguls. It took me more time, but the important thing is to get there."

While they are competitors on the slopes, the sisters remain a close-knit group.

"We see having all three of us competing in the same discipline as an advantage," said 22-year-old Chloe, currently second in World Cup standings behind American Hannah Kearney. "We're sisters and we see it as normal to compete together."

Maxime agrees.

"Having them there gives me feelings of security and comfort," she said. "I know they won't be afraid to be honest with me.

"We aren't afraid to call each other out if we have to. It makes me a better athlete and it's the same for them. It's a constant learning process."

Of the three sisters, only Chloe has Olympic experience. She managed to qualify for the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, exceeding expectations by finishing fifth.

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Podium-proven performers

Justine, 19, goes into Sochi having won bronze at last year's world championships. She had five podium finishes in six races on the World Cup tour this season, including two victories.

- Chloe has been on a World Cup podium three times, while Maxime picked up her first career podium at Deer Valley this season.

"We're going to put on a show that Canadians will remember for a long time."

Justine Dufour-Lapointe says her and her sisters will be noticed in Sochi.

Sports in pictures

1 Curling. Homan serves notice she's ready to defend title

Rachel Homan and Team Canada grabbed the early lead and held it on for a 9-6 win in nine ends over Quebec's Allison Ross on Sunday at the Scotties. The defending champions are the lone team yet to lose a match at 3-0.

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2 Golf. Stadler earns first career PGA tour title

Kevin Stadler won the Phoenix Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title when playing partner Bubba Watson missed a five-footer for par on the final hole. Watson and Canadian Graham DeLaet finished one stroke back.

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3 NHL. Frolik and Enstrom boost Jets past Habs

Michael Frolik and Tobias Enstrom scored to give the Winnipeg Jets a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday afternoon. Al Montoya stopped 30 shots, giving up the Habs' lone goal to Brian Gionta.

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4 NHL. Ward rejoining Hurricanes after conditioning stint in AHL

The Carolina Hurricanes have recalled goalie Cam Ward from his brief conditioning stint in the minor leagues. The team announced the move Sunday. The 2006 Conn Smythe Trophy winner missed Carolina's last 14 games with an unspecified lower-body injury and began his conditioning stint Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leafs forward Joffrey Lupul muscles past Ottawa's Clarke MacArthur on Saturday night. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Leafs secondary scorers stepping up in a timely fashion

NHL. Toronto relying on Lupul and Kadri to see team through Olympic roster freezes

Joffrey Lupul and Nazem Kadri are leading a resurgence of secondary scoring within the Leafs roster — but will it be enough to carry the team past the upcoming Olympic roster freezes and trade deadlines?

Possibly yes, and possibly no.

The Leafs have three games before the Olympic break — the last being Feb. 8, the day before the break officially begins — with the NHL's roster freeze extending Feb. 7 to 23.

If the Leafs are entertaining the addition of secondary scoring — or any other upgrades — the first window closes this coming Friday. It reopens for a period between the end of the Games and the arrival of the NHL trade deadline March 5.

Lupul, whose performance has been unheralded, especially when his line with Kadri was absent from the score sheets, now has eight points in his last eight games. Couple that with Kadri, who has 14 points in his last nine games and the Leafs have strong signs of secondary scoring surfacing in timely fashion for the post-Olympic run to the playoffs.

"He's (Lupul) starting to find the back of the net," Leafs coach Randy Carlyle said.

"He's a different player from the left side. He's dangerous when he skates, and his cycle game is better when he does that."

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Line change

- Carlyle made a deft move eight games ago, reuniting Nik Kulemin with Kadri and Lupul; part of the move entailed moving Lupul back to left wing, where he is more productive, and crossing Kulemin over to the right side (Kulemin has three goals in nine games now).
- Prior to that, Lupul had not notched a point in 16 of 20 games from late November into most of December. While Lupul was under pressure to produce, little to nothing was mentioned about how he sidetracked himself while trying to make Kadri a better player.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The cosmos will give your confidence a boost this week and make all things seem possible. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. If you can think of something, you should get on and do it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you were planning something spectacular for the next few days it might pay you to think again, especially if there is money involved. The planets indicate there is no need to rush things.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will have to deal with a challenge to your authority that could be quite serious. Don't try to put it off, because the longer you leave it the more serious it will get. Make sure everyone knows who is the boss.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It may seem as if you are being swept along by forces over which you have no control, but is it true? Maybe you are taking too negative a view of your ability to influence events.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You won't have to make much effort to get what you desire over the next few days. Your powers of persuasion have rarely been higher and if you ask for something, you will get it with no questions asked.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you try to get out of something you have already agreed to today, you won't be very popular. That may not worry you much now but it could have repercussions later.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may have to cuts corners to get things done over the next 24 hours but it will be worth it. It will save you time, much of which will be taken up trying to explain to others what you are doing and why.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Take care that in your hurry to impress important people you don't overestimate your abilities and take on too much. You may not like to say "no" but they won't be impressed if you fail to deliver.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You can turn dreams into realities this week. All you have to do is be yourself and believe in yourself. The latter is important as various people will try to convince you that you don't stand a chance.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The most important thing this week is that you don't let others tell you what you ought to believe. No matter how loud the so-called "experts" may be, you must trust what your inner voice tells you — always.

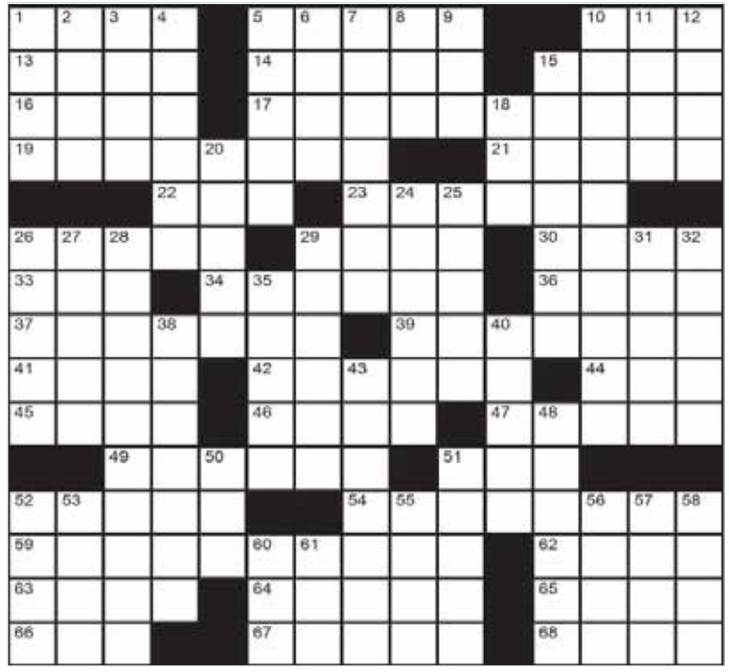
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is not a good time to be too adventurous financially. With Mercury about to begin one of its retrograde phases, you could lose big if you get carried away.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Make sure you can see how other people's decisions might affect your own aims and ambitions. On the work front especially, take nothing for granted. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

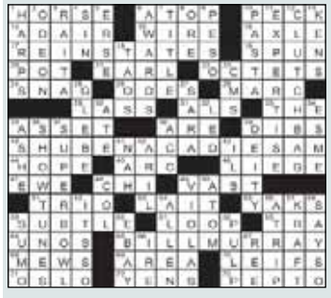
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Brother of singer Brandy, __ _
5. Attempt or fetch: 2 wds.
10. Exchange rings
13. True: French
14. Jim Croce's "I Got _ __"
15. Swell
16. Word's history [abbr.]
17. Evangeline's poet
19. Soak with the sponge some more
21. How some are in love
22. Facing [abbr.]
23. Salad ingredient
26. Married man, fun-style
29. 1997 Peter Fonda title role
30. "__ la Douce" (1963)
33. Give __ _ try
34. Tirade talker
36. Years: Spanish
37. Ms. Harris of "Love It or List It Vancouver"
39. Net-using fishermen
41. Alan of "M*A*S*H"
42. Actor Kevin, and surnamesakes
44. Compass dir.
45. "It's __ real!"
46. Good: French
47. Beginning
49. Remember
51. Stir
52. __ recording
54. Standard Time: Scottish-born Canadian, Sir __ Fleming (b.1827 - d.1915)
59. Justin Bieber's 'contest of speed' in Miami: 2 wds.
62. Opera tune
63. Stage setting, __-en-scene
64. Path to travel on
65. George Harrison's "__ It a Pity"
66. Educ. institution
67. "Vogue" dancer
68. Didn't walk there

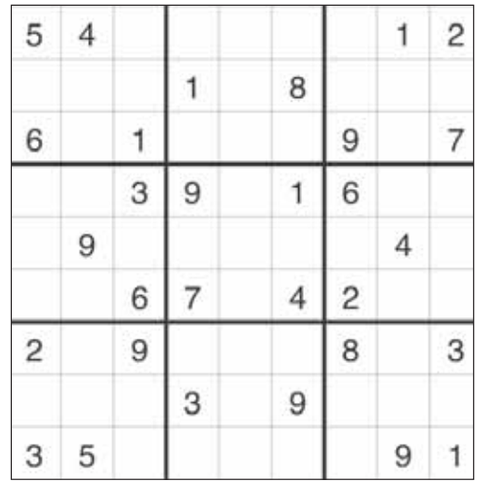
Down
1. Winnebago owner, informally
2. Mr. Johnson
3. "Divine Secrets of the __-__ Sisterhood" (2002)
4. "The Waltons" son
5. Lively dance
6. Due __ __ before... (Submission info)
7. Engine-of-a-car part
8. Texter's "Egads!"
9. Black-and-white jersey wearer
10. Canadian band, The __ of Manitoba
11. Organic compound
12. Like Mother Nature's morning coat
15. Rome attraction, __ Amphitheatre
18. Record co.
20. Heidi author, Johanna __ (b.1827 - d.1901)
24. Filmdom's Liam
25. Filmmaker, Maya __
26. Type of headscarf
27. Serviceable
28. Canadian-invented bluffing/trivia game
29. Remove the painting's holder-upper
31. Certain code
32. Holding
35. Limerick's rhyming pattern
38. 'The snow' in Quebec: 2 wds.
40. Has peculiar-ness: 2 wds.
43. Canuck temperature measure
48. "That's against the rules!": 2 wds.
50. __ anglais (English horn)
51. Wrath
52. Nav. ranks
53. Type of acid
55. AM part
56. Roughly: 2 wds.
57. Peel
58. Agenda info
60. Dadaist Jean
61. Murmur

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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6	4	5	8	2	7	1	9	3
1	9	2	6	3	4	7	5	8
8	7	3	9	1	5	2	6	4
5	8	9	7	6	2	3	4	1
7	3	1	4	8	9	6	2	5
2	6	4	1	5	3	9	8	7

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